

What is Claimed Is:

1. A method for controlling a network device, comprising:
 - detecting engagement of a personal communications device with a docking station;
 - in response to said detecting, selecting at least one predetermined command from a plurality of predetermined commands, the predetermined command including an address of the network device; and
 - transmitting the predetermined command from the docking station to the network device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting further includes:
 - transmitting the predetermined command to the personal communications device; and
 - transmitting the predetermined command from the personal communications device to the network device.
3. The method of claim 1, further including:
 - transmitting a predetermined identifier from the personal communications device to the docking station, the predetermined identifier being associated with the predetermined command.
4. The method of claim 1, further including:
 - transmitting the predetermined command from the personal communications device to the docking station.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network device is a docking station.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network device is a network call controller.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the predetermined command is configured to cause the network call controller to transfer an active phone call from the personal communications device to an alternative communications device without an incoming ring signal.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the predetermined command further includes a phone number of the alternative communications device.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the predetermined command further includes an address of the alternative communications device.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of predetermined commands can be reconfigured.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein said personal communications device comprises a cellular phone.

12. The method of claim 6, wherein said network call controller comprises a digital switch.

13. The method of claim 7, wherein said alternative communications device comprises a land-line phone.

14. The method of claim 7, wherein said alternative communications device comprises a cellular phone.

15. The method of claim 7, wherein said alternative communications device comprises a computer adaptively configured to receive, process, and transmit IP voice data through the network.

16. A method for controlling a network device, comprising:
detecting disengagement of a personal communications device from a docking station;

in response to said detecting, selecting at least one predetermined command from a plurality of predetermined commands, the predetermined command including an address of the network device; and

transmitting the predetermined command from the docking station to the network device.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the network device is a docking station.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the network device is a network call controller.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the predetermined command is configured to cause the network call controller to transfer an active phone call from an alternative communications device to the personal communications device without an incoming ring signal.

20. The method of claim 16, wherein the plurality of predetermined commands can be reconfigured.

21. An apparatus for controlling a network device, comprising:
a housing adaptively configured to receive a personal communications device;

a processor coupled to the housing;

a memory, coupled to the processor, to store instructions adapted to be executed by the processor to detect engagement or disengagement of the personal communications device with the housing, select a predetermined command from a plurality of predetermined commands, and transmit the predetermined command to the network device; and

a port, coupled to the processor, and adapted to be coupled to a network.

22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said instructions adapted to be executed by the processor are further adapted to transmit the predetermined command to the personal communications device, the personal communications device being adapted to transmit the predetermined command to the network device.

23. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said housing is further adapted to accept a predetermined identifier from the personal communications device, the predetermined identifier being associated with a predetermined command from said plurality of predetermined commands.

24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the housing is further adapted to accept a predetermined command from the personal communications device.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the plurality of predetermined commands can be reconfigured.

26. A method for transferring an active phone call using a network communications device, comprising:

receiving a transfer command at the network communications device, the transfer command being associated with an active phone call on a first communications device; and

transferring the active phone call to a second communications device, the transferring being without an incoming ring signal.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the transfer command further includes a network address of the second communications device.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the transfer command further includes a phone number of the second communications device.

29. The method of claim 26, wherein the transfer command is received from the first communications device.

30. The method of claim 31, wherein the transfer command is received from the second communications device.

31. The method of claim 26, wherein the transfer command is received from a docking station, the docking station being adaptively configured to receive the first communications device.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the transfer command is received in response to detecting the engagement of the first communications device with the docking station.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein the transfer command is received in response to detecting the disengagement of the first communications device from the docking station.

34. A method for controlling communication to a personal communications device, comprising, at a first network terminal:

detecting engagement of the personal communications device with the first network terminal;

responsive to the engagement:

retrieving a network address of the personal communications device from the personal communications device,
and

transmitting a redirect command to a network controller, the redirect command identifying the network address of the personal communications device and a network address of a second network terminal.

35. The method of claim 34, further comprising, at a network controller:

responsive to a communication request identifying the network address of the personal communications device, retrieving the address of the second network terminal; and

redirecting the communications request to the second network terminal.

36. The method of claim 34, further comprising, at a network controller:
 - responsive to a communications request identifying the network address of the personal communications device, retrieving the address of the second network terminal;
 - retrieving a set of filter conditions associated with the second network terminal; and
 - redirecting the communications request to the second network terminal if the communications request satisfies the filter conditions.